## Claims

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended)  A messaging method, comprising:

selecting a message type for a message for delivery to at least one selected recipient;

evaluating application presence data associated with ~~the~~ recipient activity in ~~and~~ an application associated with the selected message type; and

processing the message based on the evaluation.

18. (previously presented)  The method of claim 17, further comprising obtaining the application presence data from a presence repository.

19. (previously presented)  The method of claim 17, further comprising obtaining the application presence data from an application server.

20. (original)  The method of claim 17, further comprising delivering the message to the user if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is available.

21. (original)  The method of claim 17, further comprising discarding the message if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is unavailable.

22. (original)  The method of claim 17, further comprising directing the message to a destination selected based on the evaluation.

23-36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented)  The messaging method of claim 17, wherein the selected application is at least one of a chat application and an instant messaging application.